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TO AMEMBASSY ROME

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TAGS: EWWT, IT

SUBJECT: WINAC CONFERENCE

REF: ROME 6335

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO INFORM APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL IN
ITALIAN MINISTRY MERCHANT MARINE OF THE FOLLOWING:

A. USG APPRECIATES GOI DESIRE FOR POSITIVE CONDITIONS
IN MARITIME TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

B. USG HAS NO OBJECTION TO CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN U.S.
FLAG LINES WHICH WERE FORMER WINAC MEMBERS, AND
ITALIAN AND OTHER COLLEAGUES IN REGARD TO WINAC AND
ITS FUTURE, PROVIDED HOWEVER THAT SECTION 15, 1916
SHIPPING ACT APPROVAL IS OBTAINED, IF NECESSARY.

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C. U.S. FEDERAL MARITIME COMMISSION (FMC) INFORMS

DEPARTMENT THAT IT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY U.S. FLAG
LINES OF MALPRACTICES AND ILLEGAL COMPETITIVE
PRACTICES ALLEGEDLY PERPETRATED BY SOME OF THE
CONFERENCE'S MEMBER LINES (I.E., THE PAYMENT OF
BROKERAGE TO ITALIAN FREIGHT FORWARDERS IN AMOUNTS
SUBSTANTIALLY GREATER THAN THAT AUTHORIZED IN THE

WINAC TARIFFS). THE FMC INDICATES THAT IF UPON
INVESTIGATION SUCH MALPRACTICES ARE VERIFIED, AND IF
SO VERIFIED, NOT ELIMINATED THROUGH EFFECTIVE SELF-
POLICING, THE FMC MAY FIND IT NECESSARY TO REQUIRE
THE CONFERENCE TO JUSTIFY THE CONTINUED APPROVAL
OF ITS ORGANIC AGREEMENT UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE
SHIPPING ACT.

2. TRANSMISSION OF REFTEL: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO NOTE
THE APPARENT UNUSUAL MANNER IN WHICH REFTEL WAS SENT. ALL
CABLES CONCERNING SUBSTANTIVE MARITIME ISSUES OTHER THAN
THOSE SOLELY DEALING WITH SUBSIDY MATTERS SHOULD BE
ADDRESSED TO SECSTATE. IN THIS CASE, FOR EXAMPLE,
SECSTATE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ADDRESSEE, WITH MARAD AND FMC
AS INFO ADDRESSEES. KISSINGER

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